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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5191

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AMCOONSUL MARACAIBO

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, VE

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: MISSING US AIRCRAFT N777S

1. IN RESPONSE TO VARIOUS MESSAGES AND RUMORS RECEIVED BY EMBASSY AND CONSULATE SINCE AUGUST 6 AM TO THE EFFECT THAT MISSING AIRCRAFT LANDED AT MAIQUETIA, EMBASSY HAS REPLIED CONSISTENTLY THAT THIS IS NOT REPEAT NOT TRUE. THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY MAIQUETIA AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, MAIQUETIA AIRPORT CHIEF AND BY VISUAL SEARCH.

2. VENEZUELAN SEARCH AND RESCUE AUTHORITIES STILL ARE CONVINCED THAT AIRCRAFT NEVER ENTERED VENEZUELAN AIR SPACE. LAST REPORT BY AIRCRAFT WAS ABOUT 70 MILES NORTH OF BARRANQUILLA, WHEN IT REQUESTED 7,500 ALTITUDE VFR TO MARACAIBO AT 19:05 LOCAL TIME. THIS PLACES AIRCRAFT OVER OCEAN OFF COLOMBIAN COAST HEADING SOUTH-EAST TOWARDS VENEZUELAN BORDER BUT FAR AWAY FROM IT.

3. THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED RUMORS RECEIVED BY BUYER OF CARGO THAT AIRCRAFT HAD THREE PERSONS ON BOARD WHEN LEAVING SAN ADRES ISLAND.

4. VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES CONTINUING NORMAL LOOK-OUT SEARCH
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OVER BORDER OCEAN AREA AND ALONG BORDER FROM GOAJIRA

PENINSULA SOUTH. THIS MORNING THERE WAS PRESS REPORT ORIGINATING FROM COLOMBIA THAT OIL SLICK WAS SEEN OFF COLOMBIAN COAST AND THAT COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES CHECKING. VENEZUELAN SIDE HAS NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION ON THIS. WITH HEAVY TANKER AND COASTAL TRAFFIC BY SMALL BOATS, OIL SLICKS ARE COMMON IN THAT AREA.
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